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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Outtrup et al.

Serial No.: 09/382,096

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: August 24, 1999

Examiner: Patterson, C.

For: Alkaline Bacillus Amylase

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above identified application.

1. Applicants enclose a Response to the Office Action Mailed December 5, 2000 (Paper No. 8).
2. Applicants request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months.
3. Applicants request that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2000 be extended for a period of three months from March 5, 2001 to June 5, 2001. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$890.
4. Please charge the RCE, extension and suspension fees to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 31, 2001

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Filing of Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (in duplicate)
2. Response to Office Action

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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